



MINUTES

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Kathleen Riebe
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher
Rep. Susan Pulsipher

Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Mark A. Strong
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Sen. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

Allyson R. Hicks, Policy Analyst
Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Michael E. Curtis, Associate General Counsel
Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel
Diana Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-11

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. S. Waldrip

2 . Public Education COVID-19 Response and Recovery - School Openings

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education, and Tiffany Stanley, Chief of Staff, Utah State Board of Education, presented about the state board's response and recovery following school openings.

Sydnee Dickson responded to questions.

[2 - USBE Interim Committee Report on COVID-19 Response](#)

Angela Dunn, State Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health, presented on guidance for a safe and healthy environment as schools reopen.

[2 - Utah Department of Health Presentation](#)

Angela Dunn responded to questions.

[2 - Utah Department of Health's COVID-19 School Manual](#)

Heidi Matthews, President, Utah Education Association, presented on safely returning to in-person learning.

Heidi Matthews responded to questions.

[2 - UEA COVID-19 and School Reopening](#)

[2 - UEA 5 Key Requirements for a Safe Return to In-Person Learning](#)

Lexi Cunningham, Executive Director, Utah School Superintendents Association and Associate Executive Director, Utah School Boards Association, spoke to the issue.

Lexi Cunningham responded to questions.

DeLaina Tonks, Chair, State Charter School Board, introduced presenters and gave overview of school openings.

Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director, State Charter School Board spoke to the issue.

Jennifer Lambert responded to questions.

[2 - State Charter School Board Presentation on School Reopening](#)

Miles Ramsey spoke to the issue.

Rita Heagren, American Federation of Teachers, spoke to the issue.

Angie Martin spoke to the issue.

3 . Public Education Funding (Sixth Special Session Legislation)

[3 - 2020 Sixth Special Session H.B. 6012. Public Education Funding and Enrollment Amendments](#)

Rep. J. Moss presented H.B. 6012 - Public Education Funding and Enrollment Amendments.

The committee discussed the bill.

MOTION: Rep. J. Moss moved to make a favorable recommendation for H.B. 6012. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-16

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0Absent-3

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Pitcher

4 . Emergency Drills (Sixth Special Session Legislation)[4 - 2020 Sixth Special Session H.B. 6004. School Emergency Drills Amendments](#)

Rep. Carol. Moss presented H.B. 6004 - School Emergency Drills Amendments.

The committee discussed the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to make a favorable recommendation for H.B. 6004. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. S. Pitcher

5 . Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Strong moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.



Yeas-15

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. S. Pitcher

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting.